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YOUNG AUSSIES BLITZ NOUMEA

The young Australian team has become firm favorites for the Oceania tournament following their easy 8-0 win over the hosts, New Caledonia.

On Sunday, in the tournament opener in Noumea, the Australian youngsters proved to have too much speed, skill and verve for their mesmerised opponents.

On Tuesday night, after we went to press, Australia was due to play Papua New Guinea.

Short of a very major upset, this should be another runaway win for the Aussies.

Also on Sunday, Papua New Guinea beat New Hebrides 4-3.

In the match against New Caledonia, the goals were scored by Krncevic (3), Hunter (2), Kay (2) and Moulis.

At halftime Australia were leading 4-0 and a confident Gutendorf made some changes, replacing Woodhouse, Raskopoulos and Sharne with Banovic, Blair and Hunter.

But the goal flow continued.

It was a happy return to Noumea for Gutendorf.

In the mid-1960s he toured there with his German club VFB Stuttgart — and lost to New Caledonia...

Meanwhile, on Monday night, New Zealand received a shock hiding from Tahiti, going down 3-1 after a scoreless first half.

It appears that the full New Zealand national team isn't half as threatening as one would have believed.

New Zealand took the lead in the 50th minute but then Tahiti scored three times in the 64th, 75th and 85th minutes.

In another Monday night match, Fiji beat Solomon Islands 3-1.

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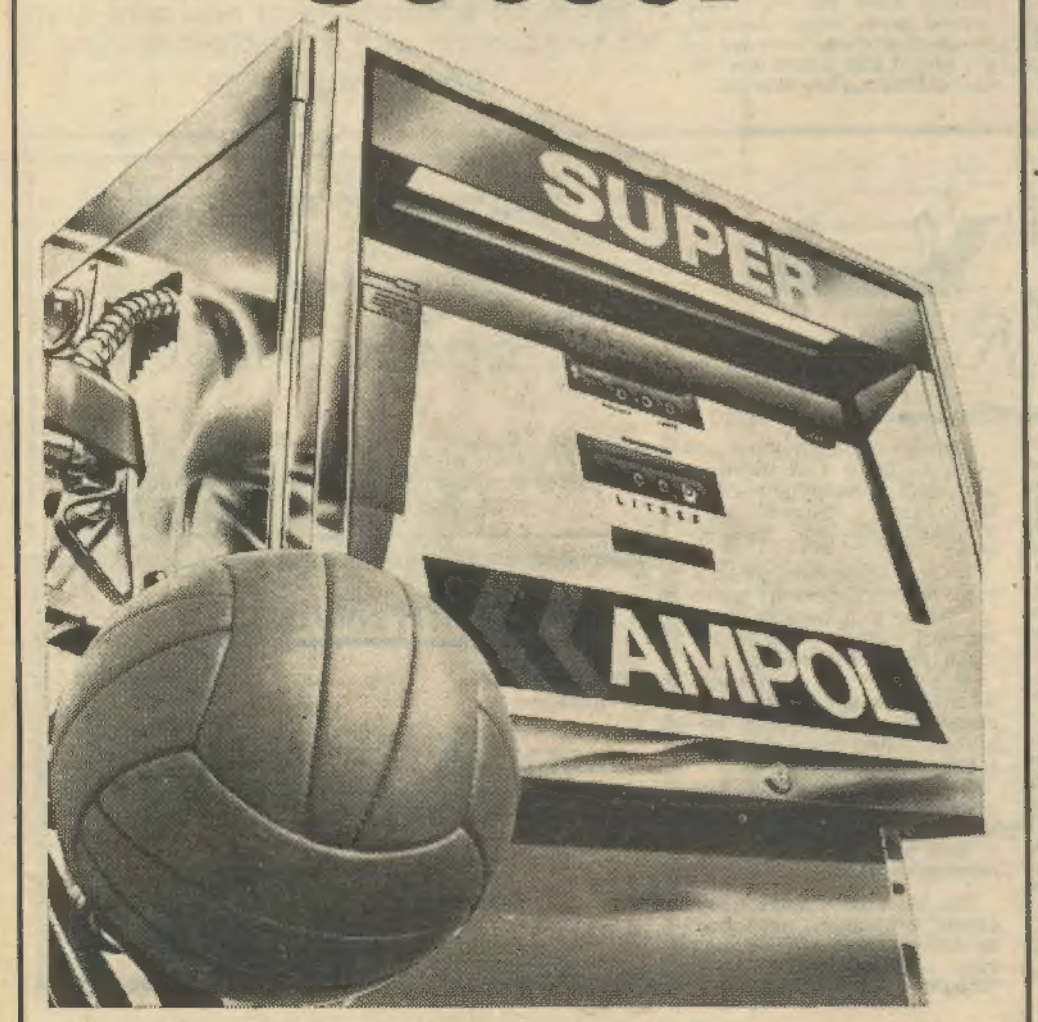

MONARO LOAN OFFER

The brilliant Monaro pair, Sebastian Giampaolo and Walter Valeri, may join Canberra City this week — on loan.

Monaro, rather generously, offered them to Canberra City for a 12-month period, without any fee at all.

This gesture was made to enable the two players to make up their minds where they want to spend their soccer careers.

Canberra City would, of course, prefer to buy them outright but the $44,000 is a prohibitive figure.

The NSW Federation this week will hear their fresh appeal and may make another token reduction, possibly to under $40,000.

But even that is beyond Canberra City's capacity, unless club patron Malcolm Fraser is prepared to add that sum to the already impressive national budget deficit.

INSIDE:

★ Full Philips League round up with reports from Sydney, Melbourne, Adelaide, Brisbane and Canberra.
★ Complete draw of the PSL for 1980.
★ Ampol Cup details from Sydney, Adelaide and Melbourne.
★ Special interview with John Frank.
★ News of lower NSW divisions.
★ Joe Venglos on the European Championships and the latest overseas news and results.

New look for an old lady

This is a helicopter view of the rebuilt and revamped Sydney Athletic Field—the new home ground of Sydney City.

It's equally impressive at ground level: comfortable seats, covered grandstand, modern facilities and a superb playing pitch.

Sydney City will take possession of the venue at the end of March, straight after the completion of the Australian track and field championships and Olympic trials.

The Athletic Field—also known as E.S.Marks Field— is a welcome addition to the Sydney soccer scene.

After the St.George and Marconi stadiums, at long last the inner city area also has a venue of civilised standards.

NEXT WEEK:

A full resume of the 14 clubs in the Philips League — their hopes, chances, strength and squads: this is the special fare in next week's *SOCCER WORLD.*

In a two-page feature, written by our various correspondents, we will analyse and assess the prospects of all the clubs from every important angle: playing staff, coaching, administration and resources.

We will also provide a glance-back on the first three PSL seasons as a guide to the 1980 campaign.

Don't miss this extra special issue.

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Conducted by Val Hokin and Emmanuel Kanna

***The Moorebank '80 Summer Cup** held at Hammondville Oval, attracted a large crowd and produced an entertaining and high standard final match between Glenquarrie and Moorebank Red. Full time saw a scoreless draw, as did the end of extra time. The Cup went to Glenquarrie on penalties 3-1, goal scorers being Jeff Arnold, Bill Prophet and Tony Woods who also took out the "Man of the Match" award. In the consolation final, Fairfield West defeated Hammondville Inter 2-1. The competition was generously sponsored by Ample Spares Trading, from Golden Fleece Moorebank.*

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***Fairfield West** (5th div.) have played three trial matches over the last two weeks. Midweek against Lethbridge Rangers, the reserve grade drew 1-1 with the first grade going down 1-2 after an own goal in the last minutes of the match. Against Liverpool City, reserve grade drew 1-1 and first grade won 4-0 with two penalties and two good goals. Outstanding player of this game was midfielder Paul Litchman with David Southgate playing well in goal. Last Sunday against Revesby Rovers, reserve grade proved to be a very tight match with Wests winning 3-2, goal scorers being Paul Crowe, Paul Mills and David Case. First grade was a clear out win to Wests of 2-0 (P.Ashby and R. Ashby). Coach, Bob Southgate, introduced two young 17-year-olds to first grade, defenders Ian Brown and Robert Gray. Both showed a ton of ability and maturity in their game.*

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***Lethbridge Rangers** (2nd div.), looking to the future, have appointed a youth director, Trevor Cooke. The influx of local young players into the club's senior teams is added incentive to the present junior sides. One young defender, Peter Kerrigan, is playing particularly well. Several new signings have been made to give added experience to the sides: Alan Barkle, midfielder, ex-Arncliffe Scots, Arthur Smith, defender, ex-Arncliffe Scots and Steve Chapman, defender ex-Baulkham Hills.*

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***North Ryde** (3rd div.) the newly promoted club is ready to face the harder task of the new division. They have appointed Harry Watson as the new coach to replace the retired David Bowman. North Ryde players and officials, while regretting Dave's departure, are very appreciative of the many years (over a decade) he spent in coaching. Dave started with the under-12s and kept the lads together to achieve the present status of 3rd division Federation. In his junior endeavours, before his side reached Federation, his team won the premierships in the under 14,15 and 17 divisions of the Ku-ring-gai Association. The team also won the Champion of Champions in the under-17 and 21s.*

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***Canley Heights** (4th div.) who won promotion last season, have 90% of the '79 players back in training plus several new signings. In their first trial match against Ashcroft, three defenders showed particularly good form; Enio Facchetti, Paul Neale and Eddy Loftus. Heights were leading 0-1 10 minutes into the second half when lack of match fitness showed and Ashcroft went on to win 2-1. Unfortunately, player-coach, Neil Gray will be entering hospital for a cartilage operation mid-March and will be side-lined for the early part of the season. The club will still have his much valued coaching services though the team will miss his presence on the field.*

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***Dee Why** (2nd div.) have been fortunate in gaining the services of player-coach Bert Jagger. Bert was one of the club coaches who originally brought Dee Why up through Federation to its present 2nd division status. Another ex-Dee Why player has returned to the club after three years in the U.K. and playing with Northampton, centre half Bobby White. Midfielder Steven Haggett, ex-Yagoona, now residing in the area, has also signed with the club. The club had a most successful disco night with its first 'mix and meet' social of the year last Saturday night. Publicity officer Peter Pearce reports that with the expected further signings and the present club and team spirit, Dee Why will have an exceptionally good season in 1980.*

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***Bondi Marines** (3rd div.) have appointed Martin Loftus as the senior coach for the new season. Martin has, in the past, played for Wolves as a junior and later joined Shrewsbury Town and Wellington Town in the English Southern League. Before coming to Australia to join Granville, he was in South Africa playing for Durban City. Later he joined the N.Z. National League playing for Eastern Suburbs and before joining Bondi he spent three months in the USA, coaching in schools. Fortunately he has recovered fully from an accident last year and is likely to be the biggest gain for the Marines this season.*

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***Ashcroft** (3rd div.)'s latest two trial matches have been against Blacktown United; 3rd grade 2-1; 2nd grade 2-2; 1st grade 1-1 with Andy Everett scoring for Ashcroft and with Canley Heights, 2nd grade 2-2 with Arthur Townsend scoring twice in the first grade 2-1 win.*

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***Bonnyrigg Eagles** (3rd div.) have had some extreme results in their last two trial matches. Last Sunday the Eagles went down in both grades 2-3 and 1-2 to the 5th division club, Winston Hills. The week before, however, the Eagles visited Bathurst and finished winners in all three grades played; 1st 2-1; 2nd 3-1 and 3rd 5-3. While both games were enjoyable the hospitality offered by the country siders, Bathurst '75, added more pleasure to the day.*

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CLUB PATROL

MARK SAMUELS, the young striker from Leichhardt is looking for a new club; his transfer fee is a modest $3,500.

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Good news for Blacktown: GEORGE HARRIS, with a pin inserted in his broken arm, has resumed training.

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Newcastle's tricky winger GORDON HEYS suffered badly strained tendons in his ankle recently and will be out for some weeks.

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Former national team physiotherapist LUBA GOYKOVIC has joined St.George as trainer and conditioner.

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Ex-Socceroo captain JOHN WARREN has bought a property in Canberra which will be developed into a reception hall and tourist attraction.

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Last weekend JOE VLASITS held a successful seminar in Sydney for 15 NSW staff coaches.

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Disappointment for North Sydney's young defender JIM BOTTALICO: he broke his arm in the team's last Ampol Cup match against Melita. Jim played through the match with the injury and when he visited the doctor the next day was told of the break. As a result he will probably be out for a couple of months, meaning he will also miss joining the State team for which he was selected.

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Of the present Bankstown first team squad of 13 players, 11 are products of the junior system. The only 'imports' are CRAIG PECK and DAVID MORRISON.

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Manly's powerful defender JOHN DICK who was transferred by his work to Perth, has been signed up by a local club there, Inglewood Kiev on loan. One of John's team mates is former Auburn player PAT DELLER while his coach is former Pan Hellenic player JIMMY PEARSON.

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Melita officials are hoping a visiting Minister from the Maltese Government, AGATHA BARBARA will be able to attend the opening match of the season against Bankstown at the Sports Centre. The Maltese High Commissioner has said Mrs. Barbara wants to include some time at a Melita game on her itinerary, and club officials are busily arranging details with Bankstown.

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Canterbury's NORM PENMAN has been laid up in hospital for an indefinite period after having a cartilage operation. Doctors won't be able to tell how long he will be out of the game, but at present it looks like at least two months. Club officials hope for a speedy recovery but fear the worst.

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MANLY have a trial match arranged for this Sunday against St.George at Cromer.

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How's that for co-incidence: Bankstown players JOHN LEMBRYK and DENIS DALEY share the same birthday. John turned 20 on February 9, while Denis was 24 on the same day.

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North Sydney officials are refusing to panic despite the disappointing results in the Ampol Cup. They are looking hard for a couple of experienced players to bolster the youngsters in the team, but want to make sure they get quality.

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TERRY BUTLER had to miss Sunday's trial game because his groin injury has still not cleared up.

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Cromer Park is reportedly in its best condition ever. A thorough top dressing and a good long rest have resulted in a near perfect football surface, to rival that of the St.George Stadium according to one Manly official.

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The Melita Eagles supporters club has arranged its first function for the year this Saturday at the Red Rose Lounge in Rockdale. Most tickets have been snapped up according to club president EMMANUEL SAID. The Supporters Club raised well over $6,000 for the club last year in similar ventures.

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Manly's second grade has lost one of its talented strikers in ROBIN DIEBOLD. After suffering from a groin injury last year he again aggrevated the injury in pre-season training and has been told to rest for 12 months, a big disappointment for the 17-year-old.

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Melita officials are hoping that coach ATTI ABONYI continues with his policy of using junior players. Already SAMMY BABIAN has begun to make a name for himself after coming through from the third and second grade sides. Another prospect who was included in the Ampol Cup squad is a 16-year-old Korean boy SUN LEE.

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Attila Abonyi

Melita have signed MIKE BERRY from Marconi for $3,500.

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MANLY first team trainer is former Prague player VIC LOWRY, who recently completed a physical education degree.

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Manly have signed up former Ku-ring-gai striker GRAHAM FIRRELL. Graham has his business located in the Brookvale area so the change of training venues will make things much easier for him.

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Melita have signed up former Auburn midfielder VICTOR JUCHNIEWICZ for the start of the season.

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Bankstown officials are pleased with the whole team so far, especially with DAVID TANSLEY'S performances. The 30-year-old defender has been playing his best soccer for years, according to PR Man STAN PECK.

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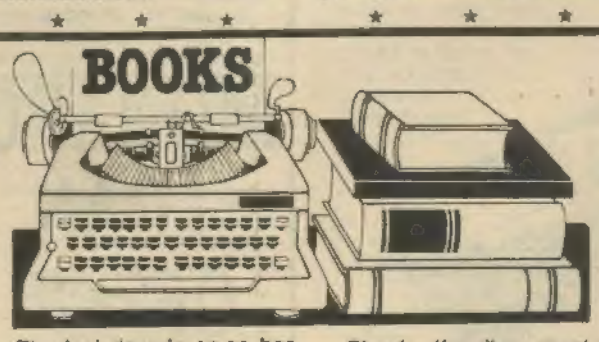

The last decade or so has seen a glut of soccer "biographies;" players and managers of varying degrees of fame, almost always with the aid of ghost-writers, tell their "story."

Frankly, only the most rabid anything-as-long-as-it's-soccer type of fans can find any interest or pleasure in most of these publications.

Lawrie McMenemy's book is refreshingly different. The present Southampton manager has jotted down, day by day, the full account of his 1978-79 season, glories and warts and all.

The highly articulate McMenemy takes the reader deeply behind the scenes: boardroom discussions, contract negotiations hassles and haggles are all there, creating a fascinating soccer labyrinth.

Clearly, the diary must be fairly accurate and truthful: set-backs, disappointments and even failures and mistakes are not glossed over.

What comes through is a most readable melange made up of the innumerable little mosaics which, apparently make the game go round.

McMenemy himself emerges as an interesting, composite character: ambitious, vain, dedicated but totally immersed in soccer.

It's one of the very few soccer books that you want to keep on reading, preferably in one sitting: we sincerely recommend it.

The Diary of a Season by Lawrie McMenemy, published by Arthur Baker, London; our copy from Holder and Stoughton, Australia.

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PHILIPS LEAGUE ROUND-UP

Blacktown shocks cocky Slickers

Blacktown City handed out a shock 3-1 defeat to Sydney City last Sunday at Gabbie Stadium in a PSL trial match.

And they had two players not even in their scheduled squad...

One was Peter Cuk, who grabbed two of the goals and the other veteran Bruce Stowel, now close to 40 who had retired from playing some three years ago to coach Western Suburbs.

"Stowel came to help out because of our many injuries," said Blacktown coach Mick Jones this week.

"He played so well that I'd like to talk him into playing the season with us."

The third Blacktown goal was conceded by Sydney City defender while Sydney's goal was taken by Terry Smith.

At half time Blacktown led 3-0 though play was even.

This was the Blacktown team: James, Taylor, Pointer, Stowel, Turnbull, Hormazabal, Harding, Ortega, Fisher, Cuk, Pollard.

Sydney City had its complete team on the field with the exception of the still unfit Souness.

This is how they lined up: Clarke, Webber, Thomson, O'Connor, Bruce, Stevenson, Boden, Barnes, Watson, Smith, Silva. **Replacements:** Mullen, Patikas, Marcos.

Ernie Campbell, still on holidays in Britain, is unlikely to stay with Sydney City and may join one of the Adelaide teams on his return.

In another trial game, a reserve-ridden Marconi beat Leichhardt 1-0 at Marconi Stadium, in front of some 2,000 spectators, with Lindsay getting the goal.

Marconi, once again, were without the injured Henderson, Prskalo and Jankovics and without young Socceroos Krncevic and Sharne.

Vieri played for about 10 minutes to try out his injured leg.

Marconi: Maher, Tomasic, Russell, Degney, Brogan, Selvage, Lindsay, Williams, Byrne, Mariani, Colusso. **Replacements:** Steve Caldron, Brian Stark, Wayne Masonwells (all three 17 years old). **Leichhardt:** Hoare, Skellern, Wilson, Pullen, McGinn, McAusland, Bradley, Stone, O'Donnell, Dempsey, O'Connor. **Replacements:** Link, Morsello.

Heidelberg down in Ampol final

— By Peter Desira —

Pat Bannon and Jimmy Rooney are likely to share the coaching duties at Heidelberg on a caretaker basis until the club finds a suitable man to take the job permanently.

The club — never very open with the press about its dealings — is refusing to make an official announcement but reliable sources say that Bannon and Rooney are likely to take on the job.

The two players are unlikely to make wholesome changes in the playing staff despite the club's 1-2 defeat in the Ampol Cup Final to State League club Essendon.

Jimmy Rooney said after the match: "Essendon played well and deserved the win, but we had as many scoring chances and I'd fancy us to beat them nine times out of ten."

Reporters sought out Rooney for comments on the match after talking to Manny Poulakakis who was making his farewell appearance as Heidelberg's coach.

Poulakakis said he had warned his players that Essendon's weapon would be counter-attack but he, too, agreed that they deserved their win.

He now takes over at Juventus and it can hardly be an exciting prospect knowing he has to face Essendon twice in the league on the limited resources he has available at the State League club.

The Ampol Cup Final provided the 8,000 crowd with the best match of the competition.

It had plenty of fast moves, end to end stuff, goalmouth action galore, and even a chance to have a go at the referee over a clanger when he waved play on after Tommy Cumming had been dumped in the area in the 76th minute.

The Ampol Cup was handed around filled with champagne, committee members came in to congratulate the players, manager Frank Burin — hoarse from urging his team on — let us all know it was his 19th cup win in charge; a supporter went round with a cassette recorder getting comments from anybody who was anybody and well wishers slowly filtered in to add their back slapping.

Essendon had proved their ability to mix it with the elite. It now remains for the top brass to recognise their potential and admit them into the Philips League at the end of this year.

Essendon 2 (1), Gilder (5m), Murphy (82m.,pen.).
Heidelberg United 1(0) Paton (89m).
Attendance: 8,000.
Essendon: Blasby, Short, Kokoska, Gardiner, Klarin, Tront, Murphy, Culina, Cumming, Gilder, Mitten.
Heidelberg: Olver, McMillan, Yzendoorn, P. Bannon, Tansey, Rooney, Yankos, Campbell, Paton, Cole, Bozikas.
Referee: Bob Henderson.

Brisbane rivals play rough draw

— By Jim Binnie —

The city had two PSL trial matches last weekend and after viewing both my impression is one of complete wonderment that the PSL management committee don't ban these pre-season matches as it is doubtful if the league could gain any worse publicity even if they seriously tried.

The first was a "local derby" played on Friday night between the arch enemies Lions and Brisbane City.

It was a torrid, bad tempered affair with an emphasis being placed on body contact rather than the portrayal of skills.

Both coaches must have had cartwheeling butterflies as their players charged at each other with all the skill, finesse and abandon of a herd of fighting bulls.

In the end a 0-0 draw was perhaps inevitable and really neither side deserved to post a victory.

A few players managed to stay above the mayhem.

Jim Hermiston was absolutely brilliant and Rudi Gutendorf could do himself, and Australia a great favour by sorting out the former Scot's international standing.

On this form he has no equal in the country.

Steve Perry and Alan Niven (first half) also caught the eye but really the only memorable moment came when Hermiston flighted a beautiful ball to the far post where the onrushing McNaughton launched himself at it and bulleted the ball at the goal only to see Wishart bring off a superb save.

That was the only morsel in 90 minutes apart from that both coaches got an exhibition in their team's "bite", and both would have been happy with that "new skill."

The second match saw a much changed Brisbane City play their Canberra counterparts on Sunday at Perry Park.

On a sultry, steaming, hot day coach Saftich chose to introduce his two New Zealand signings who had arrived the day before.

Midfielders Haberle and Snedden must have thought they were playing at the gates to hell and Haberle was first to go at the 20 minute mark soon to be followed by Snedden who looked completely shattered.

Canberra had taken the lead before this when Haberle inexplicably rolled a ball backwards where McLaren wasted little time in despatching the gift.

The conditions began to take their toll and substitution followed substitution as the standard of play deteriorated.

A Brisbane City youngster finally touched in a deflected cross to give the homesters a moral victory.

Adelaide "friendly" close to open war

— By Vic Migliaccio —

Adelaide's two PSL teams played a 1-1 draw last weekend.

This "friendly" between the two should never have been played.

At halftime the City president shook his head and said that he didn't want the match to continue.

Both clubs should thank their lucky stars that none of the players were hurt badly.

From the kick off one could see that both teams were set to take over where they had left off in round 25 last season. Perhaps the rivalry has even increased during the off-season, with the main topic of the David Jones transfer.

Both goals came in the first half. Gary Marocchi scored in the 18th minute with a blistering 30-metre volley, followed by Gary Dooley's goal three minutes later when he capitalised on a blunder by Agenor Muniz as he backpassed a lazy ball.

City started without Bugsy Nyskohus, Charlie Villani and Brian Northcote, all injured, while Glen Dods is away in Noumea with the New Zealand team.

West had to cover for Vic Bozanic, also touring with the Australian colts, Kon Kambas, not training and Graham Norris, still on the transfer list.

Adelaide City: Marshall, Russell, Melta, Besir, Jones, Perin, Muniz (Casimirio), Smythe (Muir), Deans, J. Nyskohus, Marocchi.
West Adelaide: Crook, Tymczysyn, Forde, Tobaz, Dooley, Boyle, Atsalas, Kosmina, Honeyman, McGregor.
Sent off: Deans (after two cautions). **Cautions:** Besir, Honeyman, Reynolds, Boyle, Tymczyszyn, Kosmina.

SUNDAY TRIALS

Two important PSL trial matches will be held in Sydney on Sunday.

Leichhardt will play Sydney City at 5pm at Lambert Park and Marconi will meet St.George at Marconi Stadium, also at 5pm.

Sydney will have no Ampol Cup matches over the weekend.

WALLACE FURIOUS

New Leichhardt coach Willie Wallace was furious after his team's poor game against Marconi on Sunday.

"I'll find out this week what's the matter with some of the players," he said.

"Our last two performances were lousy and there is no explanation I can offer right now.

"Some of our players appeared as if they didn't want to play.

"I can promise this was the last such lethargic display by the team.

"If necessary, I'll sweep out some of the stars and use 11 boys in our next match, but I won't put up with this type of attitude."

Wallace said he was pleased with only one of his players, reserve goalie Brian Hoare.

"I don't want to comment on any of the others," he added.

CANBERRA

Canberra City have suspended all transfer negotiations of its players pending the final outcome of the Giampaolo-Valeri transfer wrangle with the NSW Soccer Federation. Officials say that if they have to pay an exorbitant amount for the striking combination from State League club Inter-Monaro, then the transfer value of their own players must escalate accordingly.

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Canberra coach, Victor Fernandez, is worried that he has been unable to select his strongest side for pre-season matches. Giampaolo and Valeri are presently sidelined, Danny Moulis is in Noumea with the Australian Youth team, while Richard Wilson, the New Zealand national goalkeeper is across the Tasman on national duty. Fernandez is trying to arrange a midweek friendly with St.George in Sydney for Wednesday, March 5.

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Top coach available

One of Hungary's most promising and best qualified coaches, Gyula Rakosi, is keen to come to Australia for a two or three-year period.

Rakosi is at present in charge of Hungary's 'B' team, having been in charge for the previous two years of the under-21 national squad.

Earlier he was youth and development coach of Ferencvaros.

In the 1960s he played many times for Hungary, including matches in the 1966 World Cup finals in England.

Charlton arrives

Blacktown Council will give a civic reception on Friday in honor of Blacktown City team.

Bobby Charlton, who arrived Monday evening to play as guest with Blacktown in the PSL curtain-raiser, will be the star attraction at the Blacktown Town Hall.

Charlton will be involved in special promotions in the district between now and March 9.

Blacktown will play a social game against their own second team on Saturday at Gabbie Stadium.

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Bankstown: Lachowicz, Thompson, Lembryk, Beater, G. Lynch, Morrison (Nocera), Rootsey, Tansley, Peck, Daley, Davis.

Goals: 0-1 Daley (34m), 0-2 Rootsey (66m).
Referee: G. Warne; **Crowd:** 337 (double-header).

There was little between the teams in the first half although Daley's goal was a gem. In the lead-up action the resolute Paul Thompson centred from the right wing, Dave Tansley switched the ball across the penalty area and Daley was there to expertly drive it home. Bankstown asserted themselves after the break and about midway through the half Chris Rootsey sealed the result with a glorious 36-metre drive. From there on Yugal left the attacking to Bankstown or to their own dangerous winger Dave Travini. Immensely clever, Travini combined his quick skills with the ability to shoulder the burden of the work up front. However, in the end the odds were too great for him to master.

— L. Waters

SUTHERLAND 2(0) — PARRAMATTA 0

Sutherland: Haynes, Holman (Hesford 46m), R. Schumann, Smith, Dal Forno (Rogers 35m), Watkiss, Woods, Meades, Bush, Murphy, Harrington.

Parramatta: Donovan (Barker 67m), Baron, Bigland, Jordan, O'Maye, Haydec, Roden (McKenzie 65m), Fisher, Lackey, Brizuela, Waldron.

Goals: 1-0 Bush (82m), 2-0 Hesford (87m).
Referee: W. Phelps; **Crowd:** 212.

This was one of the "best" exhibitions of all that is bad in soccer, perpetrated on the field to a public which sensed the disaster and stayed away. A lack of urgency, purpose, and method dominated the game, with Sutherland winning mainly because they did less wrong than Parramatta. The Shire managed to show they do possess skill after the interval, and it was ultimately this which brought them victory. Barker replaced the injured Donovan and made two brilliant saves before he knocked a ball down to Bush who accepted the gift gratefully in the 82nd minute. Hesford netted the second five minutes later and only he, Smith, O'Maye and the three goalkeepers could look back on the match with any degree of satisfaction.

— R. Dewick

WOLLONGONG 4(2) — CANTERBURY 4(3)

Wollongong: P. Terziovski (Vardaroff 46m), Petrovski, Trajcevski, M. Terziovski, Talevski, R. Fattin, Hraldi, Dafkovski, Fontana, Bingham, Jiersa.

Canterbury: El Zein, Chiarella, Sersemis, Bozganos, Sheldrick (Karagay 46m), Thompson, Kable, Williams, Thamnidis, Byles, R. Brown.

Goals: 0-1 Thompson (5m), 1-1 Fontana (12m), 1-2 Williams (31m), 1-3 Thompson (33m), 2-3 Jiersa (40m), 3-3 Dafkovski (72m), 4-3 Hraldi (75m), 4-4 Thompson.
Referee: R. Lorenc; **Crowd:** 337 (double-header).

Wollongong went into the match knowing they would have to be beaten by two goals to miss out on the Ampol Cup quarterfinals. Down 3-1 after 33 minutes, they put up a great battle to gain a draw and to win their place on merit. Much of their best work was turned in by Jiersa and Dafkovski, although it was really a team effort over all. Jiersa's crosses from the left constantly forced the Canterbury defence into errors, while the forward line capitalised on the gaps the defenders left in the Canterbury box. There seemed little reason for Canterbury to field Ross Brown, who carried a thigh injury throughout the game. However, Canterbury themselves did well to gain a point in a fast, tough, entertaining encounter and Terry Thompson deserves high praise for a great hat-trick.

— M. Renwick

CUP QUARTERFINALS

SUTHERLAND 1(0) — ARNCLIFFE (0)

Sutherland: Haynes, Tasker, Hesford, Smith, R. Schuman, Watkiss, Harrington, Meades, Bush, Rogers, Murphy.

Arncliffe: Marsden, Ramisch, Wignall, Smart, Ainslie, Lee (Butcher 63m), Oldham, Luckett, Montgomery, Sidey, Tracey.

Goals: 1-0 Meades (66m).
Referee: P. Rampley; **Crowd:** 2876 (double-header); **Cautions:** Murphy, Sidey.

Excluding Watkiss this was a real 'youth versus expensive experience' contest. The result proves again that you can't always buy success without club spirit and a will to win — which somehow seems to be lacking in most mercenaries. Conditions were difficult throughout, with a greasy surface and steady rain and neither side really came to grips with the conditions. There were chances at both ends before Marsden misjudged a cross in the 66th minute to give Meades a chance to slot home the only goal of the game. Smith was the guiding light for the Shire, and his young charges only looked in trouble late in the game when Ainslie assumed a more attacking role.

— R. Dewick

OLYMPIC 4(1) — MELITA 2(1)

Olympic: Meier, Ankudinoff, Palmer, Wilson, Rowden, Cross, Laing (Kousas 85m), Zeros, Scott, Eaton, Hensman.

Melita: Bracklow, McDonald, Darvill, Bateman, Mikas, Parker (Berry 71m), Morsello, Farrugia, Allan, Stoddart, Jones.

Goals: 0-1 Morsello (9m), 1-1 Eaton (21m), 2-1 Eaton (59m), 2-2 Allan (66m), 3-2 Hensman (77m), 4-2 Scott (pen.78m).
Referee: R. Lorenc; **Crowd:** 2876; **Caution:** Rowden.

How easy it is to please supporters — six goals ensured the Olympic fans went home well satisfied, while Melita's supporters should feel their team did well against the side shaping up as the new giants of the State League. But how do the coaches feel? Two late goals gave Olympic a deserved victory, but Jim Adam must be thinking of how much easier and sooner victory could have been ensured. His midfield lacked thought, and instead of stretching Melita across the field, a constant stream of mindless high balls were pumped into the area where a battle was fought with the Melita team coming out on top more often than not. Atti Abonyi must be disappointed. He was well served in midfield by Stoddart and Farrugia but had no effective strike force up front to capitalise on half chances.

— R. Dewick

Scene from Sunday's Sutherland v Arncliffe Ampol Cup game.

CUP TABLES

GROUP A

Croatia	3	2	0	1	6	2 4
Woll'gong	3	1	2	0	8	7 4
Kuringai	3	1	1	1	8	10 3
Cant'bury	3	0	1	2	7	10 1

GROUP B

Bankst'n	3	3	0	0	8	3 6
Auburn	3	2	0	1	4	2 4
Monaro	3	1	0	2	7	6 2
Yugal	3	0	0	3	1	9 0

GROUP C

Olympic	3	3	0	0	7	1 6
Suth'land	3	2	0	1	4	2 4
Manly	3	1	0	2	2	3 2
P'matta	3	0	0	3	0	8 0

GROUP D

Arncliffe	3	1	2	0	6	4 4
Melita	3	1	1	1	5	2 3
Avala	3	1	1	1	3	3 3
Nth.Syd.	3	1	0	2	4	9 2

SENKALSKI FLIES HOME

After only two days in New Caledonia the Australian soccer team to play in the eight-nation South Pacific International football tournament has been hit by injuries.

Key midfielder Joe Senkalski from Newcastle United and team doctor Brian Corrigan incurred serious leg injuries and were forced to return to Australia.

National team coach Rudi Gutendorf said in Noumea that Senkalski had a recurrence of a hamstring injury he had picked up on the recent tour of China.

"He had been warming up for 48 minutes before a training session when he broke down," Gutendorf said.

"He will be unable to play for at least two weeks and will probably return home."

Brian Corrigan is also out of action and returned last weekend.

He fell in Noumea and twisted his ankle, causing damage to a recently operated Achilles tendon.

Dr. Keith Pearson, who accompanied Gutendorf and the Australian youth team to Paraguay early last year, went to Noumea to replace Dr. Corrigan.

Apart from the worries of the replacements, Gutendorf was quietly confident that the tournament would prove useful in his World Cup plans.

"We have not come here to win," he said.

"We have come to learn, to experiment and to prepare for the coming two years.

"The loss of Senkalski means that I will have to change the composition of the midfield, and probably will now bring in Paul Kay, from Sydney's St.George," Gutendorf said.

"One of the important things for me to do is find out whether Ian Hunter, Peter Raskopoulos, Paul Kay and Steve Blair are full national team material.

"These matches will hopefully answer my questions," he said.

Gutendorf also said he would experiment with South Melbourne's George Christopoulos as an offensive freeback.

"I want George to come through and attack from behind."

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AMPOL CUP 1980

Tense battles to keep Cup on the boil

— By Paul James —

One can only harp on the fact that Olympic seem destined to take out their first major trophy - or are they?

Can history be too much of a burden and can 21 years of drought (including the period as Pan Hellenic) be suddenly quenched?

Without a doubt, that is what most Olympic fans are asking.

Can the team really do it?

The transition from Philips League to State League was obviously not the let-down most people thought it would be, and the team - and coach Jim Adam - have shown great courage and determination in building a winning team.

The victory over Melita fully illustrated all that is good about the new Olympic.

They play good soccer - which one must admit they did at times also in the PSL - but to that they have added determination and a great team spirit.

To come from behind and to win is no mean feat.

Team spirit seems to be the key at Sutherland as well.

After several regulars from last season remained undecided about their soccer future and following the transfers of Beggs and Hall, coach John Watkiss was left with the task of maintaining Sutherland's high ranking.

He turned to his young, exciting second grade and plucked several players out, counting on them to deliver the goods in first grade - which so far they have.

Bush, Tasker, Murphy and Ron Schumann have taken to the first team like, well, sharks to water.

The team still has to develop its own style, but it must be a great comfort to Watkiss to know the team is still winning while learning.

The remaining two semi-finalists will be decided on Wednesday evening.

Croatia and Auburn, and then Wollongong against Bankstown are the two matches set down for the St.George Stadium.

QUARTERFINALS:
Croatia v Auburn
Wollongong v Bankstown

Croatia are still a smooth outfit, but Auburn have proved they can put up a nuggety defence when they need it, while relying on fast attacks to score.

Wollongong have pleased the critics and those fans who have seen them in action.

After all, everyone loves to see that silky Yugoslav football, especially when it is played well and produces goals.

However, Bankstown — Wollongong's quarter-final opponents — are another team that has astounded the experts.

Year after year they have produced one or two above average players, and fielded good, athletic teams.

Now they have a winning side, and one that looks capable of doing quite well this season.

One thing is for sure: results and placings from last year will mean little in 1980 with several re-constructed teams ready to do battle and knock the established clubs off their pedestals.

Manly goalie Cassettari.

PROMOTION PLAY-OFF

Saturday, March 1, 3pm: West Ryde Rovers v Port Hacking, Lynwood Park, Rangers Road, Wedderburn.
Saturday, March 8, 3pm: Campbelltown City v West Ryde Rovers — Seymour Shaw.
Saturday, March 15, 3pm: Port Hacking v Campbelltown City - L.H. Waud.

Drop out from Uni

University of NSW are likely to lose their best strikers this season which will certainly jeopardise their chances of maintaining a middle of the table position.

Twenty-year-old Ian Pengally who led the students' attack quite successfully last year is having trials with PSL club Newcastle United and is likely to be signed.

To make things worse, Lou Antonioli will not be available to play this year because of studies.

The club also received a big setback with the resignation of president Dr. Andrew Field who cannot devote the time because of special studies he has undertaken.

Dr. Field kept the club together for several years with his support and organisation which really led to University winning first division status.

Last year's coach Bob Harbour will again coach the first and second grade squads and he is now looking for an assistant to share the burden.

Training sessions have started on Tuesdays and Thursdays at the David Phillips field and players are still being sought, particularly for the lower grades.

University finished 8th on the table with 27 points last season and Bob Harbour is hoping to at least maintain this position if he signs a couple of players with whom he has already started negotiations.

The students have still some very talented players such as centre half Robb Erhardt and 21-year-old striker Paul Benecke.

The club hopes to hold a general meeting soon so that a new president will be elected to take over from Dr. Field.

— C. Spiteri

DIVISION

— By Charles Spiteri —

The merger between Warringah Saints and the Narrabeen Soccer Club should give a big boost to the Saints who battled for most of last year to avoid relegation.

The Narrabeen club fields about 40 teams from under-6s to all-age in the strong local junior competition and the talent will now be aiming to make the big time in first division.

Most of the playing staff from Warringah's team of last year have been retained and this will be sprinkled this year with talented youngsters in the lower grades and juniors.

Some of the youngsters who will come into grades will be from the Narrabeen under-18 side which last season won the champion of champions competition in their age.

New coach for this year will be Paul Clancy who is no stranger to the club as he coached them for several seasons until two years ago.

With the merger the club has gained access to the Narrabeen Fitness ground as their home this season; this has top facilities for spectators including a 1000-seat grandstand.

The clubs have elected a joint committee with about half and half from the juniors and the Federation team headed by President Ted Euers.

One of the players who will not be wearing the Warringah colours this season will be the experienced goal-keeper Peter Dean who decided to join a local club in the all-age competition.

Yet the merger has boosted morale in the area and Warringah-Narrabeen hopes to fare much better this coming season.

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England's hopes

England can be optimistic about its forthcoming matches in the European championship.

This is their record against their group opponents:

Against Belgium: played 16, won 12, drawn 2, lost 2; last loss: 1936.

Against Italy: played 13, won 6, drawn 4, lost 3; last loss:1976 (in Rome.)

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AMPOL CUP

THIS WEEK

AMPOL CUP QUARTERFINALS

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 27

Bankstown v Wollongong	St.George Stadium	7.15pm
Croatia v Auburn	St.George Stadium	9.00pm

UMBRO CUP

SUNDAY, MARCH 2

Dee Why v West Ryde Rovers	Jersey Road	1.15pm
Lethbridge v Port Hacking	Jersey Road	3.00pm
Yagoona v North Bankstown	Rangers Road	1.15pm
G'ville-Hornsby v Camp'town	Rangers Road	3.00pm

NEXT WEEK

AMPOL CUP SEMIFINALS

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 5

Two games at St.George Stadium, 7.15pm and 9.00pm

AMATEURS

***Riverstone** (3rd div.) have suffered a misfortune. Centre-back Neil Christie, who returned to his club after four years in the U.K. was unlucky to fracture his ankle in the first trial match this year. It is hoped Neil will be back on the field in six to eight weeks. Paul Hughes has again taken the coaching responsibility for Riverstone.*

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***West Ryde Rovers** are well prepared for the promotion play-off and the mental attitude of the players is all geared up for a good win. Secretary, Paul Draddy, married last Saturday but he will be back from his honeymoon at Dunk Island to see his side in this very vital play-off.*

***Gladesville-Ravens** (2nd Div.) is another club to realise the benefits of quality junior coaches. The club, expecting to have about 20 junior teams this season, is providing a course for their junior coaches through the Coaches' Federation. The staff coach conducting the course is Andy Clues.*

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***Liverpool City** (6th div.) have re-appointed Barry Maude as club coach. Team manager this year will be Dave McGuffog. Secretary S. Oliver reports an influx of new players and the return of the majority of '79 players. The club's home ground will again be the Ernie Smith Reserve on which the Liverpool Council have done more work and provided a car park. The club-house next to the ground is ideal for after match socials. The teams have had trials against Melita Eagles and Bonnyrigg Eagles so far.*

***Artarmon** (3rd div.) have Stewart Sherwin as coach for the coming season. Sherwin played with Prague and was a Socceroo in the 1960s. Several good young players coming through from the junior ranks will make up the club's first grade side this season. The club's under-14 team has been lucky in securing a good sponsorship for the year from Vessey Chemicals of Artarmon.*

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Round 1, March 8-9

South Melbourne	v Heidelberg United
West Adelaide	v Newcastle KB Utd.
Sydney City	v Marconi
Blacktown City	v St.George
Leichhardt	v Adelaide City
Brisbane City	v Footscray
Canberra City	v Brisbane Lions

Round 2, March 15-16

Heidelberg United	v West Adelaide
Brisbane Lions	v South Melbourne
Newcastle KB Utd.	v Sydney City
Marconi	v Blacktown City
St.George	v Leichhardt
Adelaide City	v Brisbane City
Footscray	v Canberra City

Round 3, March 22-23

Sydney City	v Heidelberg United
West Adelaide	v South Melbourne
Blacktown City	v Newcastle KB Utd.
Leichhardt	v Marconi
Brisbane City	v St.George
Canberra City	v Adelaide City
Footscray	v Brisbane Lions

Round 4, March 29-30

Heidelberg United	v Blacktown City
South Melbourne	v Sydney City
Brisbane Lions	v West Adelaide
Newcastle KB Utd.	v Leichhardt
Marconi	v Brisbane City
St.George	v Canberra City
Adelaide City	v Footscray

Round 5, April 5-6

Leichhardt	v Heidelberg United
Blacktown	v South Melbourne
Sydney City	v West Adelaide
Brisbane City	v Newcastle KB Utd.
Canberra City	v Marconi
Footscray	v St.George
Adelaide City	v Brisbane Lions

Round 6, April 12-13

Heidelberg	v Brisbane City
South Melbourne	v Leichhardt
West Adelaide	v Blacktown City
Brisbane Lions	v Sydney City
Newcastle KB Utd.	v Canberra City
Marconi	v Footscray
St.George	v Adelaide City

Round 7, April 19-20

Canberra City	v Heidelberg
Brisbane City	v South Melbourne
Leichhardt	v West Adelaide
Blacktown City	v Sydney City
Footscray	v Newcastle KB Utd.
Adelaide City	v Marconi
St.George	v Brisbane Lions

Round 8, April 26-27

Heidelberg United	v Footscray
South Melbourne	v Canberra
West Adelaide	v Brisbane City
Sydney City	v Leichhardt
Brisbane Lions	v Blacktown City
Newcastle KB Utd.	v Adelaide City
Marconi	v St.George

Round 9, May 3-4

Adelaide City	v Heidelberg United
Footscray	v South Melbourne
Canberra City	v West Adelaide
Brisbane City	v Sydney City
Leichhardt	v Blacktown City
St.George	v Newcastle KB Utd.
Marconi	v Brisbane Lions

Round 10, May 10-11

Heidelberg United	v St.George
South Melbourne	v Adelaide City
West Adelaide	v Footscray
Sydney City	v Canberra City
Blacktown City	v Brisbane City
Brisbane Lions	v Leichhardt
Newcastle KB Utd.	v Marconi

Round 11, May 17-18

Marconi	v Heidelberg United
St.George	v South Melbourne
Adelaide City	v West Adelaide
Footscray	v Sydney City
Canberra City	v Blacktown City
Brisbane City	v Leichhardt
Newcastle KB Utd.	v Brisbane Lions

Round 12, May 24-25

Heidelberg United	v Newcastle KB Utd.
South Melbourne	v Marconi
West Adelaide	v St.George
Sydney City	v Adelaide City
Blacktown City	v Footscray
Leichhardt	v Canberra City
Brisbane City	v Brisbane Lions

Round 13, May 31 - June 1

Brisbane Lions	v Heidelberg United
Newcastle KB Utd.	v South Melbourne
Marconi	v West Adelaide
St.George	v Sydney City
Adelaide City	v Blacktown City
Footscray	v Leichhardt
Canberra City	v Brisbane City

Round 14, June 7-8

West Adelaide	v Heidelberg United
South Melbourne	v Brisbane Lions
Sydney City	v Newcastle KB Utd.
Blacktown City	v Marconi
Leichhardt	v St.George
Brisbane City	v Adelaide City
Canberra City	v Footscray

Paul Degney, Marconi

Jim Rooney, Heidelberg

Hilton Silva, Sydney City

Kevin Low, Brisbane City

Brian Northcote, Adel.City

David Jones, Newcastle,

Vic Bozanic, West Adelaide

Round 15, June 14-25

Heidelberg United	v South Melbourne
Newcastle KB Utd.	v West Adelaide
Marconi	v Sydney City
St.George	v Blacktown City
Adelaide City	v Leichhardt
Footscray	v Brisbane City
Brisbane Lions	v Canberra City

Round 16, June 21-22

Blacktown City	v Heidelberg United
Sydney City	v South Melbourne
West Adelaide	v Brisbane Lions
Leichhardt	v Newcastle KB Utd.
Brisbane City	v Marconi
Canberra City	v St.George
Footscray	v Adelaide City

Round 17, July 12-13

Heidelberg United	v Sydney City
South Melbourne	v West Adelaide
Newcastle KB Utd.	v Blacktown City
Marconi	v Leichhardt
St.George	v Brisbane City
Adelaide City	v Canberra City
Brisbane Lions	v Footscray

Round 18, July 19-20

Heidelberg United	v Leichhardt
South Melbourne	v Blacktown City
West Adelaide	v Sydney City
Newcastle KB Utd.	v Brisbane City
Marconi	v Canberra City
St.George	v Footscray
Brisbane Lions	v Adelaide City

Round 19, July 26-27

Brisbane City	v Heidelberg United
Leichhardt	v South Melbourne
Blacktown City	v West Adelaide
Sydney City	v Brisbane Lions
Canberra City	v Newcastle KB Utd.
Footscray	v Marconi
Adelaide City	v St.George

Round 20, August 9-10

Heidelberg United	v Canberra City
South Melbourne	v Brisbane City
West Adelaide	v Leichhardt
Sydney City	v Blacktown City
Newcastle KB Utd.	v Footscray
Marconi	v Adelaide City
Brisbane Lions	v St.George

Round 21, August 16-17

Footscray	v Heidelberg United
Canberra City	v South Melbourne
Brisbane City	v West Adelaide
Leichhardt	v Sydney City
Blacktown City	v Brisbane Lions
Adelaide City	v Newcastle KB Utd.
St.George	v Marconi

Round 22, August 23-24

Heidelberg United	v Adelaide City
South Melbourne	v Footscray
West Adelaide	v Canberra City
Sydney City	v Brisbane City
Blacktown City	v Leichhardt
Newcastle KB Utd.	v St.George
Brisbane Lions	v Marconi

Round 23, September 6-7

St.George	v Heidelberg United
Adelaide City	v South Melbourne
Footscray	v West Adelaide
Canberra City	v Sydney City
Brisbane City	v Blacktown City
Leichhardt	v Brisbane Lions
Marconi	v Newcastle KB Utd.

Round 24, September 13-14

Heidelberg	v Marconi
South Melbourne	v St.George
West Adelaide	v Adelaide City
Sydney City	v Footscray
Blacktown City	v Canberra City
Leichhardt	v Brisbane City
Brisbane Lions	v Newcastle KB Utd.

Round 25, September 20-21

Newcastle KB Utd.	v Heidelberg United
Marconi	v South Melbourne
St.George	v West Adelaide
Adelaide City	v Sydney City
Footscray	v Blacktown City
Canberra City	v Leichhardt
Brisbane Lions	v Brisbane City

Round 26, October 4-5

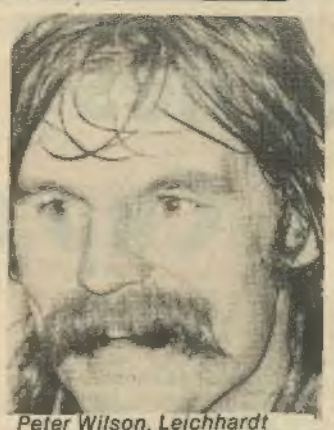
Heidelberg United	v Brisbane Lions
South Melbourne	v Newcastle KB Utd.
West Adelaide	v Marconi
Sydney City	v St.George
Blacktown City	v Adelaide City
Leichhardt	v Footscray
Brisbane City	v Canberra City

All matches will be played on Sundays except:

CANBERRA CITY, Round 5 (April 7, against Marconi) Easter Monday.

NEWCASTLE KB UTD., all home matches on Saturdays at 2.30pm - except Round 2 (against Sydney City) Sunday, March 16, Round 4 (against Leichhardt) Sunday, March 30, Round 8 (against Adelaide City) Sunday, April 27.

The match against South Melbourne in Round 13 (May 31) will kick-off at 2.00pm.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PSL IS STILL IN A STATE OF FLUX

John Frank, manager of the Philips Soccer League, occupies one of the hot seats in our sport.

Ever since his surprise appointment, emerging from almost total obscurity in 1976, he has had to quietly accept some of the blame for whatever shortcomings the PSL has.

Much of the criticism has been unfair. Frank, an intelligent, urbane, multi-lingual man has had to carry a baby conceived by others.

To clear up some of the controversial points in the League, ANDREW DETTRE spoke with him this week.

—There has been some criticism lately that the PSL clubs are without representation on the ASF and decisions are made for them without the 14 clubs having a say. Any comment?

—It's true that they are not represented; it's a bane of contention with them. Of course, a senior competition like the PSL should have a say in its own affairs but at this stage, the ASF has not seen fit to give the PSL representation. I'm confident this will change.

—Do you feel that there is tension between the various State Federations and the PSL clubs over this issue?

—Yes, there has been friction and nervousness from both sides and until Australian soccer matures and buries its old reactionary thoughts and adopts a more modern-day approach, these frictions will exist. There are also frictions between the English League and FA, after some 100 years of existence. The friction here is largely due to resentment some States have as the PSL has made inroads into their own competitions. This is understandable. But what has to be recognised is that the PSL is a top competition and the lower echelon will always suffer. That's a fact of life in any endeavour.

—The promotion and relegation issue has been confusing and controversial for the last three years, especially at the end of the 1979 season. Do you agree that the dropping of Olympic and the promotion of Blacktown has caused a lot of unfavorable comment?

—The ASF decision was based on a number of criteria. Clearly they felt that Blacktown would do a better job for soccer in Sydney than Olympic would have done. That's the way I interpret it. The ASF looked at all the applications and felt that Blacktown, because of their history, ground, management and financial viability, could be a better proposition than Olympic.

—Has any guarantee been given to Blacktown that regardless of their results in 1980, they'll stay up?

—To my knowledge, no such guarantee has been given. In fact, Blacktown can, in no way, feel sure that they can stay in the PSL. They haven't proceeded with the building of their grandstand and won't do anything until the end of 1980 when they will see whether they'll remain in the PSL or not. If they are relegated — and they accept to be relegated if they are at the bottom — why should they start building a massive new grandstand?

—Many feel that the Philips League office with just two people is vastly understaffed. Do you agree?

—Yes, and I said that before I even took the job. I suggested an administrator from the moment the League started. As you know, I was not a sports administrator but had a marketing and media background. I was told then that the PSL couldn't afford another person. That's why in the first year I did no marketing and promotion as I had to set up a new competition. During the first two years I kept recommending the addition of an administrator so that I can go gout and start selling the PSL.

—What was the reaction to these requests?

—By the end of the second year all the clubs were in favor of it and I was authorised to seek a new assistant. We advertised and narrowed down the list to three people. Then the management committee decided that because we lost the TV income in the third year, we can't afford a new staff member. It was only at the end of 1979 that the subject was resurrected and the clubs gave the green light again. Now it seems that such an appointment could be made within a week or two. We now have a 'short-list' of one person. All I can say is he is involved in soccer as an administrator.

—In which areas do you expect improvements in 1980?

—In quite a few. At present, our rules and regulations are being overhauled to plug the gaps. We will also have to look at the transfer system and will set up guidelines to prevent the situation getting out of hand, as it's happening in England.

—Don't you feel the PSL is on dangerous ground by trying to place a fixed value on an intangible asset, such as a player?

—The PSL stands very firm and says that the transfer system, as it is now, isn't satisfactory. The current Monaro case is completely out of the hands of the PSL because they are a non-PSL club. The players have not yet exhausted all their appeal rights with the NSW Federation. Until they do that, the ASF cannot intervene.

—Are our problems due to the tremendous fragmentation?

—I think they are and this must retard the growth of the game. One of our greatest problems is due to our Federal system. I cannot see any valid reason for this. It would be much easier if there were one Australian Soccer Federation with the same rules and constitutions for every state — with regional offices.

—Is the ASF thinking along these lines?

—Yes, but they also realise that it's an impossible dream. The various State Federations are so entrenched that they would probably be reluctant to give up that power and autonomy which they had built up. It's like asking a politician to vote himself out of office.

—Isn't all this a good argument then for more autonomy for the PSL itself, along the American lines?

—The ideal would be an ASF in overall charge of soccer including states, juniors, women, universities, coaches, referees, the lot. Within this the national competition, the PSL, should be allowed to run its own affairs. In America the NASL and ASL both belong to the USSF but both run their shows completely independently. The USSF is extremely proud of these two League, they know their importance and realise that the NASL has brought soccer into national focus.

—Talking about the American set-up, about a year ago you made a study tour of the USA. Did you submit any firm recommendations to the ASF following that tour?

—I must be honest: the recommendation I made to the ASF was not to go along with the American system because I felt, at that time, that Australia isn't ready for that sort of a system. I saw the German system as more appropriate for our conditions where the German Federation runs its own competitions and leagues. What I failed to see at that time was that in German soccer all levels of the game are proud of the Bundesliga and don't try to retard its growth. In the last 18 months I had to admit that a similar happy situation doesn't exist in Australia and there are still some elements who don't wish the PSL well.

—Wouldn't this open or overt opposition to the PSL disappear if there was a straight and clearcut continuity between the PSL and the State Leagues, which exists in Germany but not in Australia?

PSL manager John Frank

—There is a big difference. Most of the clubs in our State Leagues are a good way behind the PSL clubs in administration, playing strength, etc. This wide gulf doesn't exist in Germany or England. These countries can afford an automatic promotion and relegation system. Until we make an overall improvement at lower levels, there has to be selective promotion and relegation and this is exactly what happened here in 1979.

—Is that how South Melbourne were reprieved?

—There were three clubs from Victoria who applied: Frankstown, Juventus and Preston. Eventually Frankton withdrew their application because they weren't ready. Then it came to the crunch and the committee examining the applications reported that to replace South Melbourne with either Juventus or Preston wouldn't do soccer any good in Victoria, because South Melbourne still had more to offer.

—I was under the impression that it wasn't necessary for a candidate for relegation to be replaced by a team of the same State?

—You're right. For example, just because Olympic went down, it didn't have to be Blacktown which replaced them. It just so happened that the applicants for promotion were from the same State. There can be a replacement from another region or State, provided there are no less than two teams in Queensland and South Australia or one in Newcastle and Canberra. We must retain a reasonable geographical balance at this time.

—The consensus of opinion is that Sydney has too many clubs in the PSL. The PSL had a chance to reduce this number twice, when Western Suburbs withdrew and when Olympic was relegated yet always filled up the quota to its overflow capacity.

—Let me make this clear: the PSL doesn't relegate; it's the ASF who does. The PSL has no say in who goes out and comes in. Last October the PSL council of clubs made a recommendation to the ASF executive to retain Olympic. That was knocked back.

—Do you know of any long range ASF plan which aims at reducing the number of Sydney teams?

—I don't know of any such policy but it's common knowledge that five teams in the Sydney area is too many. The promotion of Blacktown was the result of a feeling that Blacktown is a far-out suburb. What is felt is that there are too many inner city clubs. Ideally, Sydney should have only two teams where you split the community into two camps; perhaps three would be bearable.

—Neither the NASL nor ASL in America would allow more than one club from one city; so once again, don't you think we should follow the American system more?

—We don't have as many large cities in Australia as in the USA which could carry a PSL team. If you have only eight potential centres, you couldn't have a one team situation.

—What about two zones, East and West?

—We have looked at this possibility but in the short or mid-term development I can't see two regional conferences, neither can I see one club per city.

—Suppose Wollongong will be promoted in 1981 and none of the Sydney teams get relegated, we'll have seven clubs from NSW. Doesn't it give an imbalance to the PSL?

—Wollongong were told by the ASF that they will be in the PSL provided they continue the work they did before they applied. So it's possible to have half the PSL from NSW. What difference does it make? If the best soccer happens to come from the Eastern seaboard, so be it. The PSL wasn't formed to have direct state representation like the ASF. We created an Australian first division, the best soccer has to offer.

—Is it possible that the ASF executive may re-think this policy and opt against seven NSW clubs? If there is no Sydney team in 13th and 14th places can one of them still be relegated?

—Well, I can see a situation develop similar to the German system where at the end of the season clubs have to justify their continued existence in the two divisions of the Bundesliga. So it may be possible that a team not actually in the relegation zone could be asked to show cause why they should remain.

—Can this be applied at the end of 1981?

—No, this is just speculation, there is no policy on this, but in our selective system it's a possibility.

—Again, you thoughts run along the American lines, do you realise it?

—Perhaps, but we cannot fully adopt their system. Ours must be modified. But let's suppose there is a club which continuously disregards the logic and needs of Australian soccer development. Even a good playing team shouldn't be sufficient reason without the other criteria, such as crowds and facilities, to stay up.

—Can you see the day when a team, consistently doing well but lacking support, can be thrown out of the PSL?

—Yes, I can see that very clearly in my own mind. But I would like to hope that if it came to that, a club would withdraw voluntarily.

—What if such a hypothetical club is prepared to carry on despite lack of support for any reason at all, such as ethnic pride, etc.?

—If the ASF is serious about its aims and policies then they will not have any other choice but be tough and look at the problem from all viewpoints. After all, success of the sport at home can be measured only by the number of people interested in their games. If the ASF wants to make soccer the major winter sport, it has to be tough and ruthless.

—How confident are you that there will be TV coverage of PSL matches?

—Very confident. By the middle of last November I had six stations committed verbally to cover PSL matches this year. It was then that I was asked to stop negotiations, pending the arrival of the West Nally group which had ideas for a total soccer package including PSL games. So I suspended negotiations, naturally. Now it's my job to advise them as to what I think the Australian soccer public would like to see on TV.

Frank Lowy blasts ASF

Sydney City-Hakoah president Frank Lowy recently issued a stern warning to clubs in the PSL.

At the club's annual meeting, Frank Lowy said:

"The Philips League is under the control of the Australian Soccer Federation and the League has very little say in what is happening in Australian soccer.

"Policy at ASF level towards the Philips League is by no means as progressive as it should be and the League finds itself in competition with the various States which, in fact, control the ASF.

"Many progressive moves are being stifled because of the vested interests of State representatives on the ASF; in my view, to the detriment of soccer generally.

The future of soccer and for the individual clubs within the code is looking anything but promising in this context and it will not improve until there are radical changes to the control and administration.

"There is a tendency for State and National teams — not to mention visiting international teams — to be glamorised and boosted to the skies, while the clubs who provide the players bleed every week on the field for lack of support and promotion.

"The big, highly-publicised matches and even successful overseas tours by the Socceroos, have, unfortunately, very little spin-off for the clubs.

"While they make the roof of Australian Soccer look good, the foundations are very shaky and in danger of collapse.

"I hope that the ASF recognises this soon and implements a plan of action which will correct the imbalance before it is too late.

"Let us hope that they realise that the strength of Australian soccer depends on the strength of the clubs."

SENSIBLE CLAIM BY PSL CLUBS

Saturday's PSL Council of Clubs meeting could be crucial for the League.

It is believed that a strong move will be made by the 14 member clubs to gain a fair representation on the ASF executive.

Their request is sensible and fair. It is unreasonable to expect the 14 most senior clubs in this country to continue their expensive involvement in the PSL when their fate — and even daily activities — are decided for them by others.

The odd, almost bizarre situation is that ASF delegates, say from Perth or Hobart, have more direct influence on Philips League matters than all the 14 clubs combined.

There is not much doubt that the ASF executive is playing with fire if it keeps denying PSL clubs even these modest rights.

The combined strength and power of the 14 PSL clubs is awesome; if they are forced to unite in their battle against senseless tyranny, the repercussions could be far-reaching.

Australian soccer cannot afford the luxury of a serious fratricide, let alone an open break.

But it appears that the ASF executive, heavily influenced by vested State interests, is sweeping the PSL clubs towards such a confrontation.

One can only hope that our administrators — allegedly normal, sane adults — will get off their high horses and work out a solution for the benefit of the game as a whole.

Socceroo casualties

The accelerated pre-season training and match schedules have taken a severe toll among the Socceroos.

Marconi's Tony Henderson and Mark Jankovics both broke down a couple of weeks ago and now St.George goalie Mike Fraser is out with a serious injury.

Fraser was kicked in the face in Melbourne in the curtain-raiser before the last Czechoslovakia match.

Last week he had to have two operations.

The first was for a broken nose, a fairly minor surgery.

But the second was to repair a disloged retina in his eye.

According to specialists, he won't be able to train for at least six weeks and probably won't play for three months.

It was a very similar retina injury which ended the career in 1971 of the Brazilian ace Tostao.

Fraser's absence is causing his club deep concern.

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THE EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIPS:

Czechs respect all, fear nobody

— By Andrew Dettre —

There are four "equal favorites" for this year's European Championships — but none of them may win the title, according to the coach of Czechoslovakia, Dr. Joseph Venglos.

"West Germany, Italy, England and Holland must be rated as top candidates but the field is really open and almost any other team could cause a major surprise. I hope it will be Czechoslovakia."

During his recent tour of Australia, Venglos wanted to see how some of his veterans such as Dobias, Ondrus, Vojacek, Gogh and others can stand up to frequent matches in hot weather. He also wanted to see whether his star striker, Nehoda has fully recovered from his nagging muscle injury of 1979.

The tour and its outcome have pleased Venglos. "I will stick to my present squad and the team in Italy will be based on that," he said.

"One question mark now is goalkeeper Zdenek Hruska who, in a match in Newcastle, suffered a fractured cheekbone and will be out of action for many weeks."

Venglos is surely one of the most articulate and intelligent national team coaches in Europe: he spends just as much time analysing soccer as he does in a tracksuit with his team.

His part-time position as professor of physical education at Bratislava's Polytechnical University provides him with the research capacity and facilities to do what he calls a "complete job".

Czech boss Joe Venglos

"There are only marginal differences between the top teams in Europe now," he said. "Even the once rigidly defined styles are intermixing; polarisation is a thing of the past.

"We have certainly changed over the years. The Czechoslovak teams of the 1950s and 1960 were often described as 'physical'. Now we have returned to our old Central European style with an emphasis on more skill, more combinative ability and less pre-occupation on sheer strength. This seems to suit our players better."

In their five Australian matches the Czechs used a surprisingly patient build-up, very much like Holland with the final thrust coming from the wings in the form of sharp, low crosses in the middle.

They also showed great preference for highly accurate wall-passes especially against massed, retreating defences in the centre.

The great exponents of this are central striker Zdanek Nehoda and midfielder Antonin Panenka as well as the choreographer of many of their attacks, Jan Kozak.

In most of their matches, the Czechs used Masny on the right wing and Gajdusek on the left — but Ladislav Vizek is very likely to squeeze one of these out of the team.

But the man who will again set the style and tempo of the team will be giant Anton Ondrus, the team's libero, almost a throw-back to the old fashioned entre halves and highly reminiscent of the recently died Ernst Ocwirk of Austria.

The Czechs are likely to travel to Italy with one of the oldest teams; Dobias, Ondrus, Vojacek, Gogh, Panenka, Pollak and Kroupa will be over 30 while Masny and Gajdusek will be perilously close to it. The youngest member of the squad is Jan Fiala at 24.

This doesn't worry Venglos. "We will have a vastly experienced team. And don't forget that it was another 'old' side which, in 1962, reached the World Cup final in Chile."

An extra incentive for the players will be the promise of the Czechoslovak Association that later this year some of them will be allowed to join Western European clubs. Nehoda has been offered a contract by both FC Koln and Lokeren of Belgium and Ondrus is also likely to end his career in the West.

Venglos, a quiet, careful man, has a high opinion of all his opponents. His brief assessment of the other finalists:

West Germany: "It's a very strong team, rebuilt after the last World Cup by Jupp Derwal. They have tremendous team-work, play a fast, skilful, combinative game in a very unique German style, a mixture of the British and the Central European. The success of their club teams in the various European Cups must be a warning to all. In Kaltz, Stielike, Bonhof and Rummenigge they have some class players."

Holland: "They always get buried by the critics — and then produce a fresh, brilliant team. I saw them win 3-2 in Leipzig and was most impressed. The Dutch seem to have worked out an ideal formula for producing excellent young players; their top clubs have many excellent, fulltime coaches. They can also play all year round, which we can't and that's an advantage. In Tahamata, Wildschut, Brandts and others they have found the successors to yesterday's stars."

England: "A vastly improved team under Ron Greenwood. They have retained the traditional British style but added a lot more pure skill to their game. One must respect a team which has a Keegan, Barnes, Woodcock, Wilkins, Shilton and others. England is still superbly conditioned and strong and always extremely hard to beat."

Italy: "At home, they will be very difficult opponents although in Latin countries the home advantage sometimes backfires; the expectations are too high. Remember how Argentina struggled in 1978 against Hungary, Italy and France? I don't think the present slump of the Juventus stars should mislead anybody; Bettega, Causio, Tardelli and the others are great players and Bearzot will again get them to their peak. It's one thing to play for your club and another thing to play for your country."

Belgium: "I think it's a mistake to write them off. I saw their 3-1 win over Scotland in Glasgow — they played extremely well and they are also fit. Could be one of the surprises."

Spain: "We beat them 1-0 in Bratislava but it was a hard game. Their recent 1-0 win over Holland is most impressive. Spain plays a very attractive game but are more individualistic than the others. Also, at times they have problems with scoring."

Greece: "A greatly improved team; I admired their skill in their 0-0 with Hungary in Budapest. Still, I know little about their players and will watch them in action in the coming weeks."

Vengos works without a contract, on a simple appointment — and earns much less than coaches with the leading club teams such as Dukla, Slovan, Sparta and others. "But it's more fun and honor," he said. "I think it is every coaches' dream to run a national team.

"I'm not sure what I'll do later. Perhaps, after our World Cup campaign, I'll quit. Foreign clubs? I would certainly consider it. I would be a challenge to work with a fully pro club in England, Spain or South America. I'd have a chance to blend our own style with the local one and to develop young players."

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OVERSEAS BRIEFS

• *"He is an absolute super-striker," exclaimed former Czech great Josef Masopust, now coach of Brno, after spying on their Euro-Cup opponent Eintracht Frankfurt and being enchanted by the Korean Bum-kun Cha.*

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• *Paul Breitner is considering the possibility of moving to an American club next year — but not Cosmos where his former Bayern team-mate and now enemy, Franz Beckenbauer is the new king.*

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• *In order to pay for the repatriated Hans Krankl, FK Austria is reportedly keen to send to Barcelona their other star, Herbert Prohaska.*

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• *England will take up its full quota and travel to the European Championship finals in June with 22 players.*

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• *Bayern Munchen took over the lead in the West German first division soccer table after beating Bochum 3-0. Hamburg dropped to second place after a surprise 2-1 home defeat against Duisburg. Leading placings are: 1. Bayern Munchen 30, 2. Hamburg 28, 3. Cologne 28, 4. Schalke 28, 5. Stuttgart 26.*

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• *Standings after 16 rounds in Czechoslovakia: 1. Bohemians 24, 2. Banik Ostrava 21, 3. Zbrojovka Brno 20, 4. Inter Bratislava 19, 5. Dukla Prague 18.*

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• *Italy beat Rumania 2-1 in a friendly in Naples with goals by Collovati and Causio; Boloni put Rumania one up after a scoreless first half.*

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• *Hamburg will spend about $800,000 on improving the security facilities at their Volkspark stadium.*

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• *Hennes Weisweiler, 60, now with Koln and soon to take over Cosmos, is about to divorce his wife to marry a woman of 36.*

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• *Schalke is in deep financial crisis and may be forced to sell star striker Klaus Fischer to balance the books.*

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• *The brilliant Basque team Real Sociedad is sharing the lead in Spain with Real Madrid; Sociedad have not lost any of their 30 matches so far.*

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• *AS Roma's offer for Liam Brady of Arsenal: $1,500,000...*

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• *The best Hungarian provincial club, Videoton, is now touring Iraq.*

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• *Ferencvaros lost 2-0 to the Mexican Under-23 team in Mexico City, on their last South American tour match.*

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• *Stepan Bobek, one of the best Yugoslav players of the 1950s, underwent open heart surgery in Houston, Texas.*

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• *Tele Santana, the new Brazil manager, will begin his new duties on March 1.*

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• *The Hungarian Olympic team beat second division Italian club Ternana 3-1 in a training match.*

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• *The England and Scotland Under-23 teams will meet on March 4 in Aberdeen.*

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• *East Germany scored a shock 1-0 win over Spain in Malaga, with a goal by Streich. The same Streich who also scored against Australia in 1974 in Hamburg.*

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• *When Cosmos want their man...The big New York club paid a cool $400,000 for young Paraguay star Julio Cesar Romero — the man who destroyed the Young Socceroos last year in Asuncion.*

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• *Small West German club Furth, in Northern Bavaria, have received $400,000 for their two players, Eduard Krischner and Klaus Heinlein, from the North American Edmonton Drillers — an amount exceeding the entire gate takings of Furth last season.*

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• *"He's controversial, he's arrogant, he's outrageous...but also a soccer writer's dream..." Could that be...? No, this is a London magazine's description of Tommy Docherty.*

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• *That's quite something at age 19, especially having been almost unknown a year ago: Argentinian starlet Diego Maradona was chosen by 120 journalists as Latin American "Man of the Year" ahead of Paraguayan tennis ace Victor Pecci and Cuban boxer Teofilio Stevenson.*

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• *Jock Stein, the Scotland manager, has fielded 33 players in his 11 matches since he took over in 1979; Ken Dalglish is the only ever-present.*

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• *Former Scotland boss Willie Ormond, on having got the sack from Hearts: "It must be unique to have a manager sacked with his team sitting at the top of the League." Not quite: ask Jim Adam and West Adelaide.*

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• *Martin Peters has played almost 700 League games now, with West Ham, Tottenham and Norwich.*

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• *Former Arsenal captain Frank McLintock predicts that David O'Leary will develop into an all-time great with the London Gunners.*

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• *Polish star Kazimierz Deyna hopes to play in the USA in 1981 when his contract with Manchester City expires. "I'm not happy in English football," he says. "Still, I must admit that my standard of living here is a good deal higher than it was back in Poland."*